

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number [0062] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0062] When using the backing plate 13 as a reinforcing material, the ~~blank sheet 18~~ backing plate 13 has an increased thickness. That is, the relationship in thickness is selected to meet $h1 < h2$. In a case where the backing plate 13 has a larger thickness than that of the blank sheet 18 and does not have the plural apertures 17, then the relationship is expressed by $Z1 < Z2$, the presence of the backing plate 13 disturbs the bending formation of the blank sheet 18. In the case of $h1 < h2$, consequently, it is desired to determine the value ($n \cdot d$), namely, the diameter of the aperture 17 and the number of apertures 17, such that $Z1=Z2$ is satisfied. This process corresponds to the step of machining the apertures in the backing plate to meet the characteristic of the blank sheet (i.e., so as to adjust the section modulus ($Z2$) of the backing plate 13 relative to the section modulus ($Z1$) of the blank sheet 18).